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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Regional Environmental Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico {Lead}

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Applications for Competing Preliminary Permit; **NPI 007 Hydrokinetic Project** by Northland Power Mississippi River LLC (FERC No. 14094-000) Competes with **Free Flow's Hydrokinetic Project** (FERC No. 12842); St. James Parish, Louisiana
(ER 11/765)(Agency due date: **October 17, 2011**)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has published the notice of application for preliminary permit for the subject project. The document was issued on August 18, 2011, and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link.

Please have your appropriate field-level office review this notice from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise, and provide its comments to the Regional Environmental Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico by **October 3, 2011**.

We are also invited to file any motions to intervene at this time. If your bureau wishes to intervene, please follow the instructions in Environmental Review Memorandum ERM 10-3. **INTERVENTIONS ARE DUE BY October 17, 2011.**

The Regional Environmental Office staff will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Albuquerque, New Mexico by **October 10, 2011**.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO. A related review is under ER 07/747.

/s/8/19/11
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